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## HUNTINGTON GETS SPICY

### 31st annual ChiliFest brings community together

By **EMILY RICE**  
THE PARTHENON

The rain may have dampened the streets but not the spirits at this year's annual ChiliFest in downtown Huntington.

ChiliFest is an annual charity cook-off that benefits the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the tri-state. Patrons buy tickets used to purchase chili at a variety of booths. ChiliFest is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Ronald McDonald House Charities and one of the biggest chili-tasting competitions in the area.

Jaye Toller, director of development at Ronald McDonald House Charities, said she is pleased with the outpouring of support the community has shown for the organization.

"It is hugely important to us because we have a \$600,000 annual budget that we have to raise," Toller said. "We're pleased that so many people have been coming out, knowing that it was going to rain — especially the volunteers. We absolutely could not do this without the volunteers."

Toller also said that these types of fundraisers are the most beneficial to the organization.

"When you work in nonprofit, it is really important to have these general operating donations," Toller said. "In a position like mine, it is important to get money like this to go to what is the most important."

Kay Lawson, of South Point, Ohio, said the ChiliFest has become an annual event for her family.

"This is actually our third year coming," Lawson said. "Everybody comes and meets here. Families meet up here, the kids can play, eat, and have fun. And it is for a good cause."

The weather was a big concern for this year's event, but some patrons were glad for a break from the heat.

News anchor Tim Irr of WSAZ-TV, one of the sponsors of the event, said he has used his own chili recipe for years, but 2014 marks a break in tradition.

"I've been doing this for years, but this is the first time not using my own recipe," Irr said. "This year I'm using Bill Murray's recipe. We have chili in a bag this year and the proceeds from that

goes to WSAZ children's charity."

Charles Shumaker, media and communication relations manager at Cabell Huntington Hospital, said the hospital has been serving chili for years because the event benefits CCH patients.

"This is our fifth year coming to serve chili," Shumaker said. "We don't usually compete, we're just here to support the Ronald McDonald Charities. Their services benefit many of our patients and their families. This is a wonderful community event that shows how the community unit comes together to help Ronald McDonald Charities."

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## Painting the town

### The 'Happiest 5k on the Planet' returns to the tri-state

By **PAULINA SHEPHERD**  
THE PARTHENON

The self-proclaimed "Happiest 5k on the Planet," the Color Run, brought its Kaleidoscope Tour to Huntington Saturday.

This is the second year for the event, and once again, it generated attention from the surrounding area. Volunteers at the Color Run said there were more than 2,000 runners registered this year.

Taylor Stringer, an employee with Silverback Enterprises, said she thinks the marathon is popular with a variety of people because it is not quite as competitive as other marathons around.

"I just think it's something for people who don't want to be competitive in an event or a race," Stringer said. "It's an event where people can have fun with their friends and family and laugh and goof around. That's what makes it really fun."

The Color Run is known for throwing four colors — pink, blue, yellow and green — at participants as they run the marathon. Many contestants said they found the experience fun and enjoyable. Before the race, participants were able to grab their swag bags, which included a T-shirt, a sweatband, face tattoos and a rubber wristband.

Participants Alena Adkins and Mackenzie Cassidy said the energy surrounding everyone in the marathon helped to contribute to the overall experience of running. Adkins expressed excitement over finally getting to compete in the event.

"I'm so glad that we did it," Adkins said. "I've wanted to do it for so long, but never knew that it was coming to Huntington. Then I found out on Twitter from a friend, so I messaged her and asked where it was and when she was doing it."

The race was immediately followed by the Finish Festival, which included dancing, music, kaleidoscope tours and the chance to be doused in even more colors.

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Monroe takes first place at fourth annual cast iron skillet cook-off

By BRITANIE MORGAN  
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When 55 year-old Reddog Monroe arrived late to the fourth annual Cast Iron Cook-Off at Heritage Farms and Village Saturday morning, he was unaware he would be walking away with the first place title and \$150. His traditional Appalachian dish surprised the taste buds of visitors and judges alike. The competition is part of the monthly Way Back Weekend event, which focuses on Appalachian culture.

Monroe has cooked for many Heritage Farms and Village events, such as Way Back Weekend, for 12 consecutive years. He has participated in all four competitions as well.

Monroe prepared a competition dish of wild boar fried in a mushroom ketchup sauce, fried ramps, potatoes and bacon and corn steamed in liquid coffee. All food entered in the competition was cooked in cast iron skillets. Contestants had the choice to compete in the stove, hot plate, crock-pot or wood fire categories. Monroe chose the wood fire. Other contestants prepared a variety of dishes made with frog legs, beans, trout, fried green tomatoes and cake.

Monroe said he was just happy to compete and see all the other dishes.

"There was a lot of good stuff," Monroe said. "I told everyone to

Reddog Monroe prepares his contest entry of wild boar, potatoes and corn Saturday at Heritage Farms and Village cast iron skillet cook-off.  
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vote number one if they liked it, and if they didn't, vote number one anyway."

Cooking started at 10 a.m. and sampling lasted until 3 p.m. The winners were announced just before 1 p.m.

Monroe said he was thrilled to win first place, despite his late entry.

"I figure a chef would win, I'm just a cook," Monroe said. "I didn't plan on winning, but it feels great."

Andrea Steele, media marketing intern for Heritage Farms and Village, said she was amazed by the passion the people brought to the event. Even in Saturday's exhausting heat, contestants cooked

in traditional Appalachian pioneer clothing.

"They are so extremely passionate about Appalachia," Steele said.

Heritage Farms and Village hosts the Way Back Weekend the

first Saturday of every month. During this time, Reddog Monroe can be found behind the church doing what he loves, cooking.

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Seventeen Marshall students inducted into the MU Society of Black Scholars Sunday

By DONYELLE MURRAY  
THE PARTHENON

Seventeen Marshall University students were inducted into the MU Society of Black Scholars Sunday.

The society is for students who wish to gain practices necessary for strong academic success, preparation for professional leadership, maturity and service to others in a global society.

Maurice Cooley, the society's director, gave an encouraging speech during the ceremony for the new members.

"If people know you are in the society, they will watch you closely," Cooley said. "They watch to see if our behaviors match our beliefs, if our walk matches our talk and if our character matches our confessions."

Jamil Vineyard, freshman and new society member, said he is most interested in learning

from seasoned members of the society.

"I'm looking forward to learning from the older Black Scholars, so that I could further myself to live a successful life style," Vineyard said. "I think I can contribute to the society in the same way everyone else can, if not more."

Senior Jaylene Berrien, one of the society's mentors, said membership fosters personal growth and a growing awareness of culture.

"Joining the society made me more culturally aware," Berrien said. "I advise the new members to participate in all the activities we do just to help them grow as a person."

Anthony Bady, a sophomore mentor in the society, said he believes the society helped him grow as a person.

"The society stresses leadership qualities such as being on time, being formal, looking a person in the eye and overall awareness of great things that could be around you," Bady said. "When I got into the society, I had a starting point, but they took it to another level for me."

Cooley said that each of the new members demonstrate qualities that befit membership in the MU Society of Black Scholars.

"All the new members are academically advanced. They possess many of the qualities and habits necessary to be successful in a university setting," Cooley said. "They appear to have many of the relevant factors necessary to be in the society."

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The 17 students who were inducted into the MU Society of Black Scholars Sunday gather in front of the statue of John Marshall outside Drinko Library after the ceremony.

Jonathan Goddard Endowment scholarship concluded Friday at Golf Scramble

By TAYLOR WATTS  
THE PARTHENON

Teams gathered at Twin Silos Golf Course in Lavalette Friday to remember former Marshall University football player J.T. Rembert. Rembert, a linebacker for the Herd in the early 2000's, was killed in a motorcycle accident in 2008.

The tournament was named after Johnathan Goddard,

a former football player at Marshall with a learning disability.

The event's purpose is to fund a five-year scholarship endowment for a student athlete at Marshall with a learning disability like Goddard. This was the final year to collect money for the endowment.

Rembert's sister, Tamera Rembert, who helps organize

the event, said she the monetary success of previous events is expected to continue this year.

"There are 17 teams playing this year and even more people who are unable to play sent in check donations in their absence," Rembert said. "With all these donations, I believe we will meet the full monetary amount on the endowment, which is going to

help a Marshall athlete in the upcoming school years."

Each year the family has hosted the tournament at Twin Silos Golf Course. Rembert's dad, Craig Rembert, said the personnel at Twin Silos and the people of Huntington really helped make the event easy and possible each year.

"Twin Silos has always been an exceptional host," Rembert

said. "They are always willing to help when we need it and accommodate us willingly. We also have to thank the people of Huntington who are more than just friends—they are family. We couldn't do this without them."

Teams teed off at 1 p.m. Friday afternoon after a few words and a prayer from Pastor Kevin Snow from Central Christian Church. Participant

Jared Brown, brother of one of Rembert's former teammates, spoke about his participation in the tournament for the past five years.

"I play every year with my brother and it is a good way for us to give back as well as remember J.T. and what he meant to us," Brown said.

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Teams participate in the charity Golf Scramble Friday to raise money for the Johnathan Goddard Endowment scholarship which will be awarded to a student athlete at Marshall University with a learning disability.  
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# SPORTS

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## RAIN DELAYS GAME AND OFFENSE

By SHANNON STOWERS  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Thundering Herd's home opener against the Rhode Island Rams started 34 minutes later than scheduled, thanks to a rain delay. It took the Herd offense just as long to get started, but a 10-point second quarter gave the team all the momentum needed for a 48-7 win.

The Marshall defense started the game with a quick 3-and-out and it didn't take long for Rakeem Cato and company to get on the board. In the ensuing drive, Cato found wide receiver Davonte Allen for a 39-yard pass. On the next play, running back Devon Johnson opened the scoring with a 12-yard touchdown run.

After that, the Herd offense couldn't put together a full scoring drive. There were spurts—for example, Allen's 30-yard catch, followed by running back Remi Watson's 27-yard run. Nothing came of that drive, or any other drive in the first quarter.

However, the Herd defense did its part by holding Rhode Island to 63 total yards in the first half. The Rams presented a minor threat in the first quarter when they converted back-to-back third downs, but the drive ended when they couldn't convert a third.

Eight minutes into the second quarter, the Herd looked like it was going to put together a scoring drive after the offense found itself on the goal line following a 64-yard run by Johnson. The Rams defense kept the Herd out of end zone for four straight plays.

Late in the second quarter, the Herd found a spark on offense. After settling for a field goal with 2:22 left on the clock, the Herd defense forced a quick 3-and-out and handed the ball back to the offense with 78 seconds left in the half.

The spark came from Cato on three and 10 when the quarterback scrambled for a 24-yard first down. He completed three consecutive passes, including a 27-yard touchdown to wide receiver Tommy Shuler with 36 seconds left. The touchdown marks the 34th straight game in which Cato has completed a touchdown pass.

The offense continued to ride the momentum it built at the end of the first half for the rest of the game. After an interception by safety Taj Letman, Cato found wide receiver Angelo Jean-Louis for a 3-yard touchdown.

Four minutes later, running back Steward Butler capped off a six play drive with a 39-yard touchdown run. With 1:57 left in the quarter, Butler added to his touchdown total to put the Herd up 38-0.

Three minutes into the fourth quarter Rhode Island got on the board with a 3-yard touchdown pass. On the next drive, the Herd offense answered with a four play, 75-yard touchdown drive, culminating with a 63-yard run by Cato, which beats his career long set earlier in the game.

The Herd tacked on a field goal with 4:01 left to close the scoring in the game.

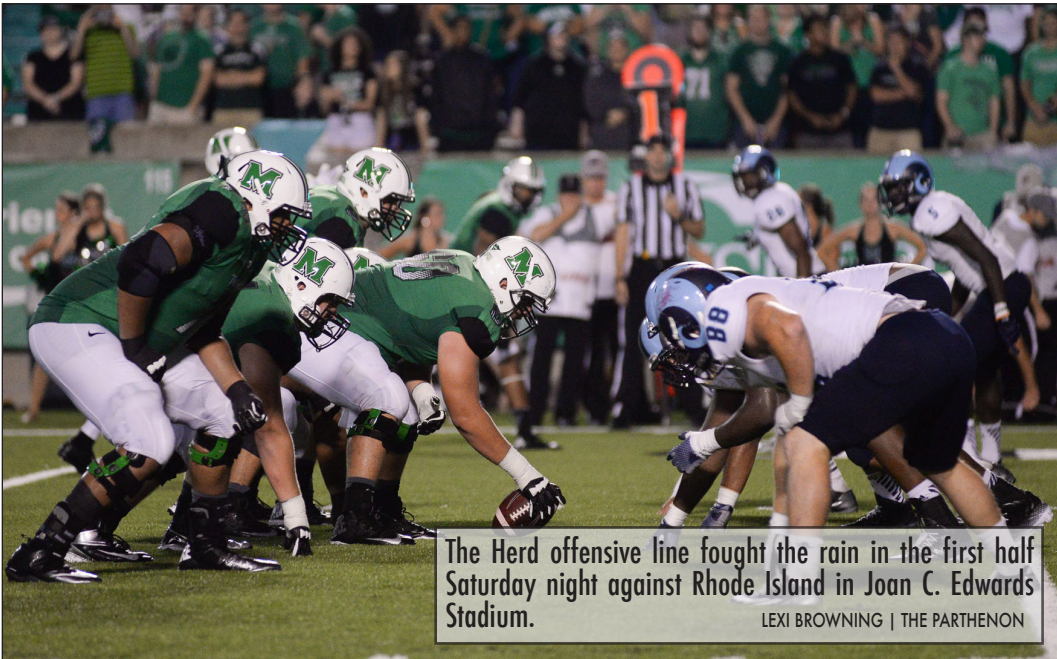
Cato finished the game 15-29 for 267-yards and two touchdowns through the air. He also added 143-yards on nine carries and a touchdown on the ground. Johnson led all running backs with 137-yards on 14 carries and a touchdown. Allen caught five passes for 115-yards.

The Herd will play at home again next Saturday in a noon matchup against the Ohio Bobcats.

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Herd football warms up before taking on Rhode Island Saturday in Joan C. Edwards Stadium.  
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The Herd offensive line fought the rain in the first half Saturday night against Rhode Island in Joan C. Edwards Stadium.  
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## HERD CONQUERS URI

By LaCHEL HOUSE  
THE PARTHENON

The Herd met the Rhode Island Rams Saturday night at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium and faced the same challenge of a new coaching staff and new players for the second time this season. While meeting a few of the players and staff after practice Wednesday, the team was focused on tackling this challenge head on, just as they did against Miami (Ohio).

When asked about the difficulty of facing a team of such ambiguity, Herd senior defensive lineman Ra'Shawde

Meyers said just like the first game against Miami, they could only guess at their opponent's tactics.

"Just like the last game, we're looking at film of where the coach came from, and looking at personnel from last year," Meyers said. "So, right now we're playing a guessing game."

However, Meyers said he does not fear playing the guessing game, but welcomes the challenge as a new opportunity that he considers part of the learning process of football.

"Last year, we played teams we never met before," Meyers

said. "It's exciting because its new experiences, new schemes and you learn football."

Offensive lineman coach Alex Mirabal noted that since Rhode Island had not taken a snap prior to their meeting with the Herd, preparation was more focused on what they thought the Rams would do.

"There is nothing that they are going to be able to do defensively that we have not seen already," Mirabal said, "whether it be through camp that our defense does or through our

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Herd football takes the field Saturday led by quarterback Rakeem Cato Saturday in Joan C. Edwards Stadium.  
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## Herd women's soccer trumps Appalachian State

By BRADLEY HELTZEL  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University women's soccer team faced off against North Carolina Appalachian State Sunday afternoon at the Veterans Memorial Soccer Complex in Huntington.

The Herd used two second-half goals after a scoreless first half to defeat Appalachian State by a score of 2-1 and get back to .500 record for the season.

The Herd entered the second half looking to generate some scoring opportunities after an even nip-and-tuck battle for much of the first half.

Head coach Kevin Long made some adjustments at halftime. The moves paid off quickly as senior forward Kristine Culicerto scored just 3:25 into the second half when she collected the ball off a rebound to chip it past Appalachian State goalkeeper Megan Roberson. The goal was Culicerto's team-leading third of the season.

Long moved Culicerto to the top of the formation toward mid-field to start the second half, cultivating her aggressiveness to better impact the game.

Shortly after Culicerto's goal, junior forward Erin Simmons netted her first goal of the season off an assist from sophomore Sydney Arnold. Arnold showcased her speed and hustle to track down a loose ball just before it went out of bounds. She was able to maneuver past a defender and launch a strike that was redirected by Simmons.

Long said the play was a great effort on Arnold's part because her combination of speed and confidence makes her a "dangerous" player capable of slipping behind defenses.

With the Herd leading 2-0, Appalachian State began to assert themselves offensively. Eighty-one minutes in, Julia Holz finally put the Mountaineers on the board.

Appalachian State continued its attack, desperately trying to force overtime, but were turned back by the Herd defense and goalkeeper Lizzie Kish, who had three saves.

Junior Lia Foster was a defensive catalyst throughout the game and was able to disrupt several late scoring attempts by the Mountaineers.

After the game, Long said he preached patience to his players at halftime because he believed the Herd forced the issue a bit in the first half after squandering some early scoring opportunities. Long was able to open up his forwards to get behind the defense by moving players around to create different combinations, while also altering the offensive scheme.

Although Long was pleased with the offensive production in the second half, it was clear that the late goal by Appalachian State had him a bit frustrated because the team needs to manage pressure better when the opposition attacks. Long said too often the team has given away goals by not reacting appropriately to offensive attacks.

The Herd will focus on improving its defense, while continuing to enhance its goal scoring, as the team prepare to host Cincinnati Friday at 4 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Soccer Complex.

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## Marshall men's soccer ties 2-2 with Liberty

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THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University men's soccer team battled the Virginia Liberty Flames Sunday afternoon, resulting in a score of 2-2 to bring their season record to 0-1-2.

After trading goals during regulation, the game concluded in a tie as both teams went scoreless for both of the 10-minute overtime periods. After Liberty jumped out to a 1-0 lead 27 minutes in, the Herd was presented a grand opportunity when Liberty was called for a handball violation, setting up a penalty kick for Marshall's Ryan Forde. The sophomore from London fired a shot past the Liberty goalkeeper, simultaneously tying the game and giving the Herd its first goal of the season. Forde said that it was great to finally find the net and get that first goal of the year.

The game went into halftime tied at one goal apiece, but as the second half progressed Liberty took a 2-1 lead once again, putting the Herd at another deficit. However, the Herd showcased its resolve and refused to yield, resulting in a very physical game that produced three yellow cards (two by the Herd), 37 total fouls and multiple stoppages for player injuries.

After an array of shots sailed just wide of the goal, the Herd's persistence and relentless style of play finally prevailed as freshman forward Scott Doney tied the game off a precise cross field pass from junior defenseman Matt Freeman. Freeman drew several defenders before placing a perfect pass to Doney, who finally converted after missing multiple shots in the second half. Head Coach Bob Gray has always expressed belief in Doney, saying that

the towering 6'4" New Zealander possesses a unique offensive skill set and once he gains more experience and confidence, he could develop into a very good goal scorer. Gray said it's important to note that several of his players aren't just gaining experience in college soccer, but also life in the United States after coming from overseas.

Although the Herd was not able to score in overtime, despite taking five shots to Liberty's zero, Coach Gray was pleased with the number of scoring opportunities they created. The Herd shot 20 times with four coming on goal. Gray said one of the keys for his team moving forward is to start capitalizing and finishing those scoring chances.

Gray said he knows his team's largest call for improvement is in the goal scoring department, but said with such a young team, patience is vital. The Herd has only one senior on the roster, goalkeeper Danny Sellitti, so most of the pressure lies on a multitude of talented freshmen and sophomores, such as midfielders Daniel Jodah and Christian Kershaw. Another valuable freshman is goalkeeper Dominik Reining, who collected four saves against Liberty while playing the entire game.

However, Gray said his junior defensemen Jack Hopkins, Nick Edginton, and Freeman have provided great leadership as captains of the team. They are also terrific on the field, as Gray acknowledges the team's defense is its primary strength.

Although the Herd remains winless, Gray said the team showcases a belief in itself and it played hard all afternoon. This came after

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— Letter to the Editor —

Honesty is the best policy during the new semester

By TOMMY D. G. FERREL

The misrepresentation of another person is simply wrong. When one misrepresents himself or herself as another, he or she is not only dishonest, but he or she creates two victims in the process: the person or persons being deceived and the person or persons being portrayed in the deception. Lying on its own is bad enough. When the identity or authority of another is claimed by one lacking such, it takes dishonesty to the next level. Moreover, when the identity or authority claimed is not wholly fictional, it also disrespects or belittles the actual person, persons or institution that is being used for the deception.

We all have told a little white lie. Many of us — myself to be unfortunately included in this

class, I admit—have surpassed that little white lie. Honesty is the best policy, and I strongly encourage all of you, my peers, to embrace that. All that lying does, especially in this misrepresentative fashion, is form a web that those hurt by the deception must unravel, thus harming them further.

Take this advice at face value, Herd. Especially to you incoming first-year students, remember that your words can land you in hot water with those close to you and even with people you have never met before. I have made mistakes and apologized for them. I would encourage all of you to do the same, and, more importantly, avoid it in the first place. You never know what situation dishonesty could land you in.

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Editorial

Stigma against community college education must disappear

Let's face it; college is not for everyone.

It's time consuming, not to mention expensive, and once a graduate enters the workforce four years (at best) later, the search for a job can be impossible. And mounting debt overwhelms him or her.

Robert Reich, former U.S. secretary of labor under President Bill Clinton, recently wrote a blog post titled "College is a ludicrous waste of money." In the post, Reich says he believes the millions of young Americans heading to college and universities assume a four-year liberal arts degree is the only gateway to the American middle class; however, it shouldn't be.

Reich argues the expense of a four-year degree combined with lack of jobs results in debt-ridden, overqualified employees.

On top of that, many students drop out of college because they are unprepared or unsuited for a four-year liberal arts curriculum. And that is OK. Foreign languages are hard, as well as the extra arts and humanity classes that take up time some students do not have.

Reich says this is why we need to open other gateways to the middle class. His example is technicians, who only require a two-year degree and are needed more now than ever in the ever-changing world of technology.

We need to build on the foundation community colleges have built, Reich says, and create the new gateway, beginning in high school.

One thing Reich doesn't mention, however, is breaking the stigma this country has on community colleges.

Going to a four-year liberal arts school has become the norm. In high school, the focus is more on what college a student is going to more than what the student actually wants to do with his or her life and the best path to get there. This leads to the trend of students coming to a four-year college undecided or in a major he or she ends up changing two semesters later.

Why do we push high school students into college so soon? If we push students to go to community college first, this may help relieve the stigma against community college. Not only is it a cheaper option, but students who may not be prepared for a four-year curriculum to learn and adapt in a smaller classroom setting.

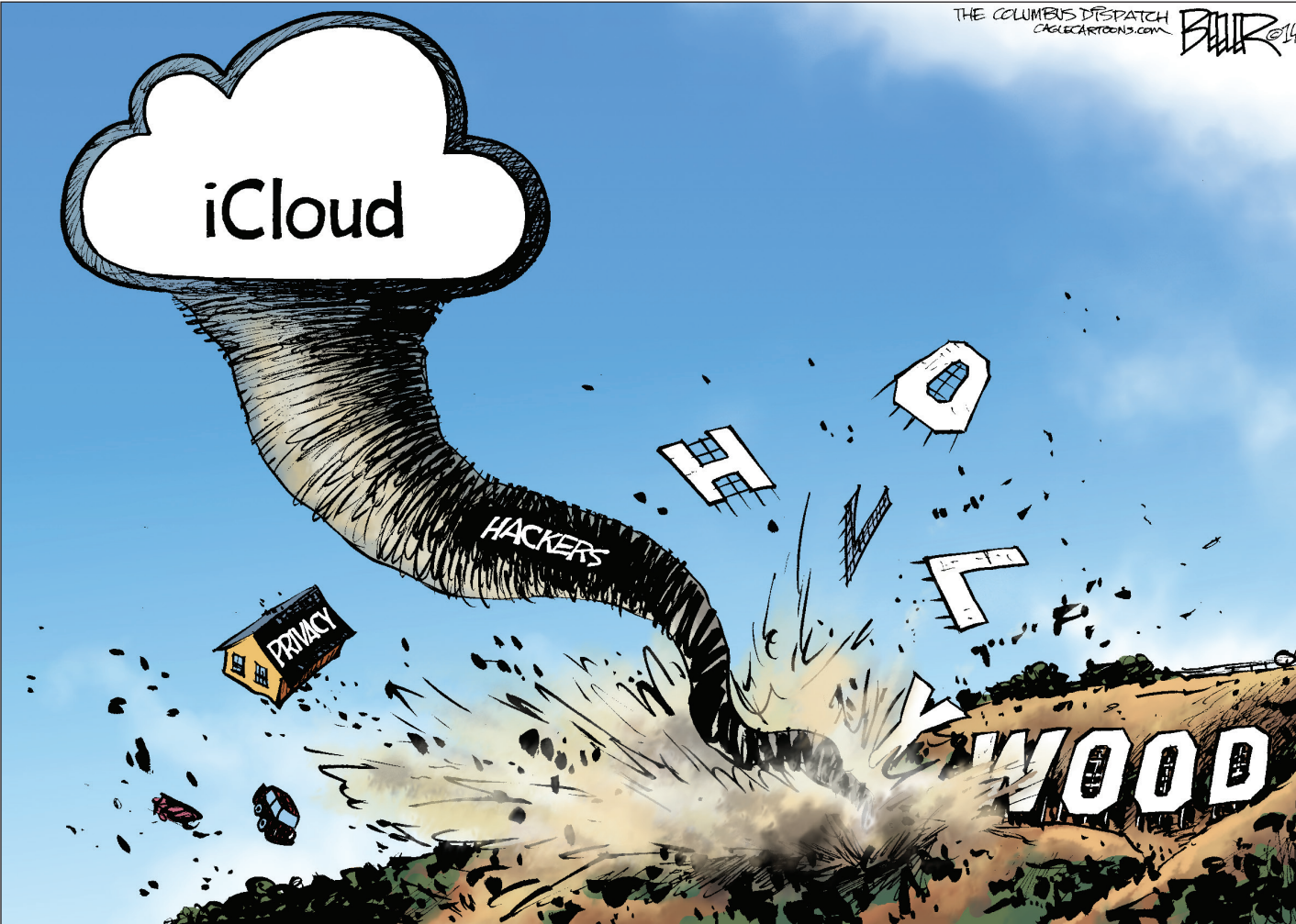
Many universities and community colleges, Marshall University and Mountwest

Community and Technical College included, partner to allow students a gateway from community college to four-year degree programs.

The stigma may evaporate if America realizes how vital its technicians and two-year degrees are to the workforce.

How will a hospital save lives of patients without a hospital technician to maintain the countless and complex equipment that fill medical centers? How would college campuses function without the Internet technicians fixing computers and solving internet and Wi-Fi problems?

If these people disappear, America will notice. We should celebrate those who decide to enter those professions, just as we celebrate those who attend four-year colleges to become a teacher or a nurse.



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Column

Party affiliation, from one generation to the next

By MICHAEL SMERCONISH  
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER (MCT)

Our eldest son begins college next week. Before packing his bags, he first signed two legal documents, each signifying a right of passage: the Selective Service registration status form and Pennsylvania voter registration application. The latter was the subject of more conversation than the former. That's a reflection of politics and current events being staples at our dinner table since he was born. Which is not to say that either his mother or I sought to influence his decision. For my part, I told him the same thing I said to his older sister when she registered: "I'd rather you cancel me out than not vote."

Still, my interest in his affiliation was more than casual. Party affiliation and voting are very personal to me. I earn a living by commenting on our political process in print, on radio, and on television, and while my opinions might sometimes be wrong, they are all heartfelt.

I'm particularly proud of never having missed an election in 34 years of voting eligibility. For the first 30 years of my voting life, I'd been a registered Republican and played an active role in GOP campaigns on a local, state, and national level. While a Republican, I was an elected alternate delegate to a national convention while still in college, ran unsuccessfully for the state legislature while in law school, and was appointed (at age 29) to a subcabinet level position in the administration of George H.W. Bush.

But in 2010, I wanted out of the GOP. As I wrote at the time, I'm not sure if I left the Republican Party or the party left me. All I knew was that I no longer felt comfortable.

"I view the national GOP as a party of exclusion and litmus tests, dominated on social issues by the religious right, with zero discernible outreach by the national party to anyone who doesn't fit neatly with its parameters ... which is not to say I feel comfortable in the Democratic Party, either," I wrote then.

So, when renewing my driver's license, I was asked by a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation representative if I desired to change my registration. I said yes, and checked the box for "No affiliation," which in Pennsylvania is the equivalent of Independent.

My son knows all of this background. But I wasn't sure what he would do with his own application. I stood silently watching him fill in his personal data, waiting to see how he would answer question No. 9: "In which party to you wish to register?"

The form afforded him four options: Democratic, Republican, Other (Please specify), or No Affiliation. With the stroke of a pen, Michael Smerconish Jr. joined the GOP. He signed his name, and then gave me his rationale.

"I want to vote as often as possible," he said, explaining why he wanted to register with a particular party instead of following my lead. I had to admit that I'm sympathetic, having felt shut out of Pennsylvania's closed primary process in the

last four years. My onetime optimism that Pennsylvania would open its primary process in the face of growth among Independents here and nationwide has dimmed. Which means that people like me will continue to show up to vote in November, having been precluded from influencing the nomination process the previous spring.

So I understood why he ruled out "No affiliation," but what explained his selection of the Republican Party instead of registering Democratic?

My son told me that he thought it most important that the country have good choices in general elections and that there were more in the current crop of GOP leaders with whom he'd be uncomfortable in command. I pointed out that he was basing that observation on the previous presidential cycle when a Democratic incumbent didn't have to endure intraparty debates. If there had been, would he have the same concern about that party?

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## Plans to rebuild

Owners of The Peddler and Backyard Pizza work to reopen restaurants after fire

The Morris Building, Sept. 2. The damage to the restaurants on the first story was mostly due to water being pumped into the building by firefighters during the structure fire July 27.

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The fire that recently ignited the Morris Building in downtown Huntington has not diminished Drew and Megan Hetzer's passion and drive to make Huntington a better place. The Hetzer's are the owners of Backyard Pizza and Raw Bar and The Peddler, both of which are located on the Morris Building's first floor.

On the morning of July 27, a fire broke out on the roof of the Morris Building on Fourth Avenue in downtown Huntington, and was contained that same day. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

Megan Hetzer said the damage to both restaurants was not actually caused by the fire.

"The fire didn't spread from the roof, but there was extensive water damage," she said. "I've heard different numbers, but I know it was at least 100,000 gallons of water."

That morning, the Hetzer's first concern was not for their restaurants, but for the people who may have been trapped inside.

"Once we found out that everyone was okay," Drew Hetzer said, "and once they contained the fire, I was relieved, because all items are tangible, but lives can't be replaced."

There was never a moment after the incident that the Hetzer's doubted they would re-open their businesses.

"Even if we would have to start from scratch, which we may have to do, it doesn't matter," Drew Hetzer said. "We've done it once before, and we can do it five times over."

There were about 50 people employed at the restaurants. Since the fire, the Huntington community has rallied itself around these people.

"We have a great staff, and the community support has been amazing," Megan Hetzer said. "They donated a lot of money to the staff so that they could get back on their feet."

In fact, Drew said that it was hard to keep up with the fundraisers, so they set up an account at First Century Bank where the community could donate directly.

In addition to the local community's fundraisers, Lacey Cyfers, assistant manager at Panera Bread, set up a web page where on-line users could donate anonymously.

"The website raised around \$17,000 for the employees," Megan Hetzer said.

The employees of the restaurants have also been inspired by the community's support.

been driven to bring something unique to this city."

Drew Hetzer also said the restaurants took pride in their unique food and atmosphere.

"Our main goal at Backyard was sustainability," Drew Hetzer said. "We utilized a lot of salvageable resources for tabletops, seating and decorations."

The Peddler, the Hetzer's second restaurant, was developed with the same ideals in mind.

"For The Peddler, we were all about organic, grass-fed beef, and a lot of fresh ingredients," Megan Hetzer said. "We even had pastry chefs that made the buns from scratch."

While they wait to rebuild The Peddler and Backyard Pizza and Raw Bar, the Hetzer's are anticipating the opening of their newest restaurant, The Wedge.

The Wedge, located at the Twin Silos Golf Course in Lavalette, West Virginia, will feature home-style gourmet cuisine and décor similar to that of the Hetzer's previous restaurants.

"Our goal is to be open by Oct. 1," Megan Hetzer said. "Everything is custom-made, just like our other restaurants."

The Hetzers have worked with the same designers, Seth Cyfers and Jill Lefear, owners of Ackenpucky Designs, on all of their restaurants.

"They were just starting up and Backyard sort of served to showcase their capabilities," Drew Hetzer said. "Now, he's getting jobs left and right."

Drew Hetzer said he enjoys seeing other local vendors grow along with his businesses to build a stable local economy.

"As far as how the economy is going, it's nice to be able to develop that circulation of local economy growth," Drew Hetzer said. "Because no matter how the economy is going elsewhere, it's going to sustain the revenue within your city or region. Hopefully, we've inspired more people to open up unique concepts."

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"Everyone coming together really showed that the uniqueness of Backyard and The Peddler meant a lot for the food culture of Huntington," Casey Starkey, previous server at Backyard Pizza, said.

Drew Hetzer said he and his wife have always had a passion for food with integrity.

"I grew up in the restaurant business," Drew Hetzer said. "It's something I've always been passionate about, and I've always



LEFT: Charlie Barader paints a mural at the Hetzers' newest restaurant, The Wedge, at the Twin Silos golf Course in Lavalette, West Virginia. Barader also painted a mural at The Peddler. RIGHT: The bar at The Wedge restaurant is still under construction.



# Student Government Association searching for Senate apprentices



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Student Body President Duncan Waugaman addresses students interested in becoming a part of the Senate Apprentice Program with the Student Government Association Friday in the Student Resource Center.

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The Marshall University Student Government Association hosted an information session Friday for first-year students interested in becoming part of the Senate Apprenticeship Program. The event was in the Student Resource Center conference room with about 25 students in attendance.

According to the SGA website, the purpose of the program is to develop leadership skills in Marshall's first-year students. It acts as an extension of the student Senate by increasing interest and knowledge of SGA and in the duties and responsibilities that come along with being a senator.

Apprentices will be assigned to a senator to shadow his or her respective college and will

learn the ins-and-outs of Marshall's SGA.

Speakers at the event included Duncan Waugaman, student body president, Justyn Cox, president pro-tempore and Steve Hensley, dean of student affairs.

Steve Hensley encouraged freshman interested in being a Senate apprentice to learn about the institution, how Marshall is governed and what role students have in that governance.

"A leader has to look forward, but also be aware of the things happening right now," Hensley said.

Waugaman and Cox pointed out to the students that having involvement in college groups and organizations looks very good on a resume and will be very impressive to future

employers, especially SGA.

Many of the students in attendance were very involved in high school, whether it was with student government or other clubs and organizations. Sonia Chandi, freshman biology/pre-med major from Canada, said she is sorry she was not among them.

"I didn't do student government in high school, and I feel like I missed out on an opportunity that I can get here at Marshall," Chandi said. "I want to be a part of the Marshall community and coming from so far away, I don't feel very connected yet, so I really want to get involved. There is so much history within Marshall and that's why I really wanted to be a part of the Herd."

Cameron Berry, a freshman interested in being a Senate

apprentice, said he loves helping people and he wants to make a difference in the world.

"I was very involved with band and Interact Club in high school," Berry said. "When I found out about SGA, I was really excited because I wasn't able to be on student government in high school. I am already involved with Rotaract, hall council for the freshman dorms and marching band. There is a lot of stuff to do at Marshall and I am ready to start on this journey."

Interviews for freshman interested in the Senate Apprenticeship Program will occur at 3:20 p.m. Tuesday in the John Spotts room of the Memorial Student Center.

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# MU president takes the freshmen to class

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In his nine-year tenure as Marshall University President, Stephen J. Kopp is taking a new approach to welcoming the incoming freshmen.

Kopp has devoted eight weeks of this fall semester to help facilitate a UNI 101 class. Kopp has taught graduate classes in the past but this is the first time he's ever facilitated a UNI 101 class.

"I wanted to do this this year because I wanted to get to know the freshman better and see what's going on, what are we doing that's working and get a bird's eye perspective," Kopp explained. He said he is very impressed with the student's in his class and that their commitment has been something at which he's marveled.

"They have really bonded together and what it demonstrates to me is that these kids are coming here with a purpose and that they want to be here," Kopp said.

Uni101 is a student seminar course that is designed to be an introduction to college life for new and incoming students. Incoming freshmen are required to take a UNI 101 as it helps imply a "smooth college

transition" and to help become familiar with services provided by Marshall University. The course provides incoming students with an opportunity to help them adjust to the academic and social environment of college within a small group of peers under the guidance of their adviser.

"He's really taken action on teaching the student what the UNI syllabus and course is all about," said senior marketing major Lila Mangus. She is one of the instructors who has been assigned to assist President Kopp.

Mangus said the students have "taken a liking to Dr. Kopp" and believes that it's been a "positive experience" for the new students.

"I think if Dr. Kopp has the time to facilitate another UNI 101 course, I definitely think he should do it every year," Mangus said.

"These group of students we have in our class got lucky to have him and it show's something to the students as a whole that the president of our university wants to get involved," Mangus said.

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# Guest speakers give students a look into the different levels of persuasion

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Eric Del Chrol, assistant professor for the Department of Classics, booked four prominent guest speakers for his fall semester Rhetoric of Seduction class, which is designed to show students how persuasion is demonstrated on different levels.

The speakers include: Abigail Rupp, U.S. Consul General in Florence, Italy; Marshall University President Stephen J. Kopp; President of the Kentucky Coal Association, Dr. Bill Bissett; and Congressman Nick Rahall II.

The wide range of speakers will show students how persuasion is demonstrated on different levels, Chroll said.

"Persuasion is something that everybody engages in but people don't think about how it operates on very high levels," Chrol said. "That is why I have a range of guest speakers so that people can get exposure to folks who have been very successful in politics."

Chrol said the range of guest speakers allows students to see different career paths as well.

"You can be from here and do this. It's not just reserved to people from fancy, far away places," Chrol said. "Bill Bissett is speaking and he is local. He used to be President Kopp's chief of staff. Now he is the president of the Kentucky Coal Association, so he has managed to work his way up that way."

Congressman Nick Rahall is tentatively scheduled to speak Oct. 21.

"Congressman Rahall has been great. He has been here twice before and he is a fantastic politician," Chrol said. "We can see how he speaks. He has a very particular set of abilities that are unique."

Although the guest speakers are politicians, political information is not the aim of Chrol's rhetoric of seduction class. The students are studying how persuasion works which will help them to think and listen carefully.

"This year, the thing that we are trying differently is instead of just focusing on politics in the main, I wanted to have people think about the way persuasion is working in multiple arenas," Chrol said. "I want to keep the focus of the content on seeing how persuasion works and not really any specific political issues. That is the kind of the secondary aim of the class."

Chrol said he believes that students will have a greater control of their own lives after taking the class.

"The nature of persuasion and the questions of how seduction work, both politically and interpersonally, are things that people do every day of their life," Chrol said. "Classes like this show the importance of what we do at the university because these skills are applicable to every part of your life."

The lectures from the guest speakers are not open to anyone outside of the class.

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Freshman forward Scott Doney boxes out a Liberty player Sunday at Veteran's Memorial Soccer Complex.

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a hectic few days in which the match in Oakland was cancelled, delays the team's return to Huntington until after 4 a.m.

The Herd will get a much-needed rest, as their next match doesn't occur until 7 p.m. September 15 at the Veterans Memorial Soccer Complex.

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preparation for Miami of Ohio, because we do not know—there is some guessing. At the same time, because there is so much unknown, we just focus on us and getting ourselves better within our system, within our techniques."

Senior Wide Receiver Tommy Shuler said the most important preparation had to do with the Herd's players and coaches.

"We've just got to go out and play

Marshall football," Shuler said. "If we play Marshall football and execute our plays, I think that will get us another W."

Rhode Island recruited Lyle McCombs, a transfer from UCONN, who racked up 2,681 yards in his three seasons as a Husky. When asked about McCombs, Redshirt Junior Defensive Lineman Ricardo Williams knew the Herd had to execute against him.

"Our coach mentioned him to us," Williams said. "We are definitely keeping an eye on him and we just have to go out there and execute."

This home game was special for

Williams. His excitement was heightened because it is his first time playing in the Joan.

"This is my first home game because I sat out a year," Williams said. "I am excited to play my first game on Marshall turf."

The Thundering Herd went on to defeat the Rams 48-7 for a crowd of 25,106, with quarterback Rakeem Cato reaching his 10,704 passing yard. Marshall faces Ohio University next Saturday at the Joan. Kick-off is at noon.

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